

**\*\*\* VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE \*\*\***

**CLAIMS**

I claim:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (New):       A placemat comprising:

        a sheet of cellulosic material having a top and bottom planar surface and a peripheral edge;

        said top planar surface comprising a moisture -resistant coating;

        said bottom planar surface having a pressure sensitive adhesive applied thereto for fixing said placemat to an eating surface;

        said placemat initially provided in a packaged configuration wherein the top planar surface is folded along at least one edge providing at least a first and a second section with said first and second section parallel to one another and contacting one another thereby preventing the first and second sections from contacting another surface while in the packaged configuration to at least assist in maintaining the first and second sections sanitary while in the packaged configuration;

        said placemat further having a deployed configuration wherein the first and second sections are displaced from contact with one another by unfolding, thereby exposing the top planar surface for use as a placemat.

Claim 9 (New):       The placemat of claim 8 wherein the peripheral edge of the sheet has at least four sides.

Claim 10 (New): The placemat of claim 9 wherein the sheet is folded to have eight panels, said first and said second sections located on a top surface of two of the eight panels, and top surface portions of each of said eight panels contacting and parallel with at least one of the other of the eight top surface portions of the panels while in the packaged configuration thereby providing a sanitary top planar surface.

Claim 11 (New): The placemat of claim 10 wherein the eight panels each have a bottom surface which collectively form the bottom planar surface, six of said eight panels provided with the pressure sensitive adhesive: an outer two of the eight panels, and an inmost four of the eight panels.

Claim 12 (New): The placemat of claim 8 wherein the bottom planar surface is provided with a water resistant coating in addition to the adhesive.

Claim 13 (New): The placemat of claim 8 further comprising tabs connected to the first and second sections wherein the tabs extend past the peripheral edge of the sheet and assist in transitioning the placemat from the packaged configuration to the deployed configuration.

Claim 14 (New): The placemat of claim 10 further comprising tabs connected an outer two of the eight panels and extend past the peripheral edge of the sheet, wherein the tabs assist in transitioning the placemat from the packaged configuration to the deployed configuration.